

Season: Winter Year: 82-83

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Other observers (name, city):

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Dec. was very dry and mild. First snow Dec. 20 with 5" Jan. also very mild and only 2" of snow for the month Feb. started out cold, but probably normal. 5" of snow Feb 1, and by Sun. Feb. 7 we had 10" of snow on the ground. Balance of Feb. very mild. By Feb. 28 Lake Manawa was practically ice-free			
Mallard	3 4	2-27 2-28	On "borrow pit" about 5 miles south of I-80 on I-29
✓ Red Head	✓37 9	2-27 2-28	same pond.
✓ Bufflehead	✓2 1	2-27 2-28	A pair on the same pond
✓ Herring Gulls	12	2-27	Over Missouri River about 5 miles S. of Council Bluffs. (Long's landing)
Bald Eagle	2	2-27	Over Lake Manawa
✓ Kildeer	1	2-24	S. Pottawattamie Co. 10 mi. S.E. Co. B. (thought early)
Northern Flicker	1	2-1	@ suet scraps this day, but occasional visitor to feeder.
Downy Woodpecker	2		Regular visitor to suet logs.
Hairy Woodpecker	2		Regular visitor to suet logs
Black capped chickadee	4-6		Every day visitors
W.B. Nuthatch	2		Every day visitors.
✓ American Robin	1 7	2-22 ✓2-27	First robin I observed this spring Small flock observed.
Common Grackle	3	12-1 12-1	These 3 grackles fed every day from until mid-Feb. first time I've had grackles winter over here.
Starling	20		an average of 20 birds feeds every day @ feeders
House Sparrows	50		MY best customers
Dark Eyed Junco	20	1-19	This has been the best year ever for Junco's. Usually 8-10 feed every day.
Cardinal	4	every day	Just a normal year for cardinals.
Purple Finch	1	12-6	first purple finch (f)
" "	5	12-30	4 (m) 1 (f) most males I saw all winter.
" "	5	2-27	1 (m) 4 (f) about average. a very poor winter for purple finches.
American Goldfinch	20	1-20	I had this "peak" of 20 birds.
" "	15	1-29	Except for these two days my goldfinch count varied from 2 to 6 birds.
			A very poor year for goldfinches.

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Harris' Sparrow	1	12-6-29-30 1-6-8-10	My first Harris' at this location never more than one bird.
Am. Tree Sparrow	1	12-29	I've had these birds here other winters
" " "	1	1-2-11-	but only when weather is bad.
" " "	2	2-7 Jan 5	Think this the first time I had two.

I believe this is the first winter here in Council Bluffs that I have not had a single Pine Siskin nor a Redpoll.

Also did not have any Cedar Waxwings during this period

I have never had Evening Grosbeaks nor a Tufted Titmouse at this location.

All the birds listed, beginning with the Northern Flicker were seen at feeders at the above address which is in S.E. Co. Bluffs.